

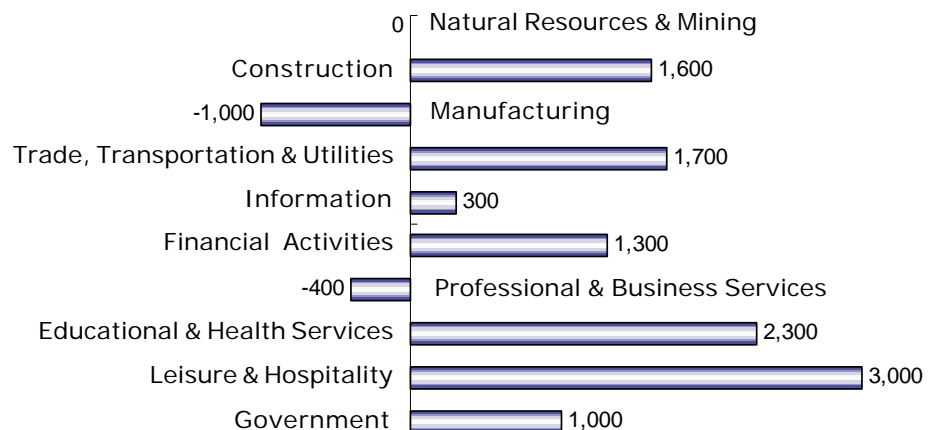
As a bright spot in Manufacturing, Durable goods showed increases of 500 jobs over-the-month and 700 jobs over-the-year.

Monthly Not Seasonally Adjusted New Hampshire Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment

Current Employment Statistics Employment by Super Sector by place of establishment	Number of Jobs			Change from previous:	
	Dec-04 preliminary)	Nov-04 (revised)	Dec-03	Month	Year
Total All Super Sectors	637,300	634,600	627,600	2,700	9,700
Private Employment Total	541,900	539,500	533,200	2,400	8,700
Natural Resources & Mining	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0
Construction	30,700	31,600	29,100	-900	1,600
Manufacturing	78,000	77,700	79,000	300	-1,000
Durable Goods	59,600	59,100	58,900	500	700
Non-Durable Goods	18,400	18,600	20,100	-200	-1,700
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	148,100	145,500	146,400	2,600	1,700
Wholesale Trade	28,300	27,900	27,500	400	800
Retail Trade	103,600	101,400	103,000	2,200	600
Transportation and Utilities	16,200	16,200	15,900	0	300
Information	12,000	11,800	11,700	200	300
Financial Activities	38,700	38,900	37,400	-200	1,300
Professional and Business	54,000	54,400	54,400	-400	-400
Educational and Health	97,100	96,700	94,800	400	2,300
Leisure and Hospitality	62,800	62,500	59,800	300	3,000
Other Services	19,500	19,400	19,600	100	-100
Government Total	95,400	95,100	94,400	300	1,000

Change in Nonfarm Employment

Dec. 2003 to Dec. 2004



Monthly Analysis of Current Employment Statistics (CES) Data

For further analysis please read the *Detailed Monthly Analysis of Industry Employment Data* on our Web site at www.nhes.state.nh.us/elmi/nonfarm.htm

Seasonally Adjusted: Preliminary seasonally adjusted estimates for December showed that total nonfarm employment held at the November level.

At the supersector level, government (supersector 90) added 700 jobs to the economy, as leisure and hospitality (supersector 70) increased their ranks by 300 jobs. Employment in trade, transportation, and utilities (supersector 40) notched up by 200 jobs.

Manufacturing (supersector 30) employment level remained unchanged in over-the-month activity. Construction (supersector 20) posted a 600-job loss in the December estimates.

Unadjusted: A 2,600-job increase for trade, transportation, and utilities (supersector 40) dominated the employment activity in December's unadjusted estimates, as total nonfarm employment expanded by 2,700 jobs. Other supersectors also contributed to the

Monthly Unadjusted Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Primary Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Employment by Sector number of jobs by place of establishment	Manchester PMSA			Nashua PMSA			Portsmouth-Rochester NH-ME PMSA		
	Preliminary	Change from previous:		Preliminary	Change from previous:		Preliminary	Change from previous:	
	Dec-04	Month	Year	Dec-04	Month	Year	Dec-04	Month	Year
Total All Sectors	111,400	300	-500	96,600	400	0	128,100	-200	1,700
Private Employment Total	98,300	200	-800	86,100	400	-200	102,800	0	1,900
Natural Resources and Construction	6,500	-100	300	4,300	-100	100	4,700	-100	200
Manufacturing	10,900	0	-600	20,700	0	-600	11,900	-200	-200
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	25,500	300	-200	22,300	500	-400	27,400	600	700
Wholesale Trade	6,300	0	100	3,700	0	0	4,400	0	0
Retail Trade	15,500	300	-300	16,600	500	-400	20,700	600	800
Transportation and Utilities	3,700	0	0	2,000	0	0	2,300	0	-100
Information	3,100	0	0	1,900	0	0	3,000	0	100
Financial Activities	8,700	0	0	6,600	0	100	7,200	-100	-400
Professional and Business	14,100	0	-200	8,400	0	200	12,800	-100	200
Educational and Health	16,400	-100	-200	11,400	0	100	19,000	0	500
Leisure and Hospitality	8,800	100	100	7,400	0	300	12,700	-100	600
Services	4,300	0	0	3,100	0	0	9,100	-100	400
Government Total	13,100	100	300	10,500	0	200	25,300	-200	-200

Average Earnings and Hours of Production Workers in Manufacturing

Sector	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec-04 prelim.	Nov-04 revised	Dec-03	Dec-04 prelim.	Nov-04 revised	Dec-03	Dec-04 prelim.	Nov-04 revised	Dec-03
New Hampshire									
All Manufacturing	\$655.68	\$637.99	\$613.47	40.7	40.1	40.6	\$16.11	\$15.91	\$15.11
Durable Goods	\$664.00	\$647.17	\$631.89	41.5	41.3	41.3	\$16.00	\$15.67	\$15.30
Nondurable Goods	\$632.45	\$610.12	\$562.40	38.4	36.6	38.6	\$16.47	\$16.67	\$14.57
Manchester PMSA									
All Manufacturing	\$716.49	\$695.36	\$603.10	41.9	41.0	37.6	\$17.10	\$16.96	\$16.04
Nashua PMSA									
All Manufacturing	\$716.12	\$669.98	\$674.36	42.1	41.9	42.2	\$17.01	\$15.99	\$15.98
Portsmouth-Rochester, NH-MA PMSA									
All Manufacturing	\$579.50	\$590.95	\$590.20	38.0	38.7	38.3	\$15.25	\$15.27	\$15.41

overall increase. Education and health services (supersector 65) added 400 jobs to the economy, and manufacturing (supersector 30), leisure and hospitality (supersector 70), and government (supersector 90) each brought 300 additional workers on board. Information (supersector 50) chipped in 200 jobs to the mix, while other services (supersector 80) employment grew by 100 jobs.

Natural resources and mining (supersector 10) did not register a

change in the employment level in the December estimates.

For some sectors of the economy, December represented a peak season, while others wound down from a high spot. Construction (supersector 20) experienced a 900-job decline in the month's preliminary unadjusted estimates. In other areas, professional and business services (supersector 60) employed 400 fewer persons, and financial activities (supersector 55) trimmed its force by 200 jobs.

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